

EXHIBIT GAR-9A

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Dear Mr. Robinette

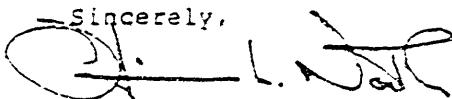
My wife and I have considered your kind offer to expedite the installation of a security system at our house in Great Falls. In view of the recent threat by Abu Nidal my frequent absences from home, we would very much appreciate it if you could proceed in accord with the terms we discussed in our last meeting.

It is my understanding that the full system will cost approximately \$8000-8500; that it can be installed quickly; and that we have two options for reimbursing you for the expenses:

1. Loan of the equipment for a period not to exceed the expiration of my active service in the United States Marine Corps (June 1988), at which time we will make our home available for commercial endorsement of your firm and the equipment without fee; or
2. Payment in full for the equipment and the cost of installation in 24 equal monthly increments commencing on the date that the installation is completed and fully operational.

Given our current financial situation, we would prefer the first alternative if this is still amenable to your company. I am particularly concerned about the safety of the children given the unfortunate media visibility my position has generated. If the aforementioned terms are still acceptable to you, we would like to have you commence work as soon as possible. We are, of course, prepared to sign an endorsement contract now if you require more than this letter as indication of our intent.

Sincerely,



Oliver L. North

